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Ex parte JOHN F. BROKER, DOUGLAS W. GARDNER,
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KIM L. WRIGHT

Appeal 2011-000179
Application 09/919,794
Technology Center 2100

Before STEVEN J. BARTLETT, *Support Division 2 Manager*.

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

On September 15, 2008, Appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On August 30, 2010, Appellants filed a request to reopen prosecution, exercising their option to reopen prosecution in response to a new ground of rejection contained in the Examiner's Answer mailed on June 29, 2010. Per 37 C.F.R. § 39(b)(1), this request is treated as a request to withdraw the appeal.

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

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The application is being returned to the Examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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